

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system supporting concurrent consumption of media from multiple sources, the system comprising:

at least one processor operably coupled to a first television in a first home and to a first storage in the first home that stores a first media, the first storage having a first network protocol address, the at least one processor communicatively coupled, via a communication network, to a second television in a second home and a second storage in the second home, the second storage having a second network protocol address, the at least one processor communicatively coupled, via the communication network, to at least one server for storing and distributing 3rd party media, the at least one processor operable to, at least:

a first television in a first home;

a first storage in the first home that stores a first media, and having a first network protocol address;

a second television in a second home;

a second storage in the second home, the second storage having a second network protocol address;

at least one server for storing and distributing 3rd party media;

a communication network;

communicate with first software that maintains a user defined association of the first and second network protocol addresses, that receives a request that identifies one

of the associated first and second network protocol addresses and responds by identifying the other of the associated first and second network protocol addresses to support delivery via the communication network of the 3rd party media from the at least one server, and the first media from the first storage, to the second home, and the 3rd party media from the at least one server, to the first home, for concurrent consumption of the 3rd party media by the first television, and the 3rd party media and the first media by the second television; and

communicate with second software configured to enable a user at the first home to construct, at the first home, at least one user defined media channel, the second software also configured to enable closed and secure communication of the at least one user defined media channel to others within a user defined group that are at separate and distinct locations from the first home, in a peer-to-peer manner, from the first home.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1<sub>1</sub> wherein the first media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2<sub>1</sub> wherein the first media is real-time video.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1<sub>1</sub> wherein the 3rd party media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1<sub>1</sub> wherein the first and second network protocol addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1<sub>1</sub> wherein the at least one server comprises one or more of a 3rd party media provider, a 3rd party service provider, and/or a broadband head end.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1<sub>1</sub> wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7<sub>1</sub> wherein the communication network is the Internet.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1<sub>1</sub> wherein the consuming comprises one or more of playing digitized audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to further comprising: at least one first media peripheral communicatively coupled to the first storage.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10<sub>1</sub> wherein the at least one first media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a mobile multi-media gateway, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to~~further comprising~~ at least one second media peripheral communicatively coupled to the second storage~~[[:]~~, and communicates with ~~[[the]]~~ server software supporting delivery of the second media from the second storage to the first home for concurrent consumption of the 3rd party media and the second media by the first television display.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12, wherein the at least one second media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a mobile multi-media gateway, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to~~further comprising~~ a media guide interface for displaying media availability.

15. (Currently Amended) A system supporting concurrent consumption of media from multiple sources, the system comprising:

at least one processor operably coupled to a first storage in a first home that stores a first media, the first storage having a first protocol address, the at least one processor communicatively coupled, via a communication network, to a second television in a second home, the second storage having a second protocol address, the at least one processor communicatively coupled, via the communication network, to at least one server for storing and distributing 3rd party media, the at least one processor operably coupled to set top box circuitry in the first home, the set top box circuitry communicatively coupled to deliver, via the communication network, the first media from

the first storage to the second television concurrent with consumption, at the first home, of at least the 3rd party media, the at least one processor operable to, at least:

a first storage in a first home that stores a first media, and having a first protocol address;

a second television in a second home, and having a second protocol address;

at least one server for storing and distributing 3rd party media;

set-top box circuitry, in the first home, communicatively coupled to deliver the first media from the first storage to the second television concurrent with consumption, at the first home, of at least the 3rd party media;

a communication network;

communicate with first software that maintains a user defined association of the first and second protocol addresses, that receives a request that identifies one of the associated first and second protocol addresses and responds by identifying the other of the associated first and second protocol addresses to support delivery via the communication network of the 3rd party media from the at least one server and the first media from the first storage, to the second television for concurrent consumption of the 3rd party media and the first media; and

communicate with second software configured to enable a user at the first home to construct, at the first home, at least one user defined media channel, the second software also configured to enable closed and secure communication of the at least one user defined media channel to others within a user defined group that are at separate and distinct locations from the first home, in a peer-to-peer manner, from the first home.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the first media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the first media is real-time video.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the 3rd party media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the first and second protocol addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the at least one server comprises one or more of a 3rd party media provider, a 3rd party service provider, and/or a broadband head end.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the communication network is the Internet.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to~~further comprising~~: at least one first media peripheral communicatively coupled to the first storage.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, wherein the at least one first media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a mobile

multi-media gateway, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

25. (Currently Amended) A system supporting concurrent consumption of media from multiple sources, the system comprising:

at least one processor operably coupled to a first storage in a first home that stores a first media, the at least one processor communicatively coupled, via a communication network, to a second television in a second home, the at least one processor communicatively coupled, via the communication network, to at least one server for storing and distributing 3rd party media, the at least one processor operably coupled to set top box circuitry in the second home, the set top box circuitry communicatively coupled to receive the first media from the first storage and the 3rd party media from the at least one server, for concurrent consumption by the second television, the at least one processor operable to, at least:

a first storage in a first home that stores a first media;

a second television in a second home;

at least one server for storing and distributing 3rd party media;

set top box circuitry, in the second home, communicatively coupled to receive the first media from the first storage and the 3rd party media from the at least one server, for concurrent consumption by the second television;

a communication network;

communicate with first software that coordinates delivery via the communication network of the first media from the first storage and the 3rd party media from the at least one server to the set top box circuitry; and

communicate with second software configured to enable a user at the first home to construct, at the first home, at least one user defined media channel, the second software also configured to enable closed and secure communication of the at least one

user defined media channel to others within a user defined group that are at separate and distinct locations from the first home, in a peer-to-peer manner, from the first home.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the first media and the 3rd party media comprise one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to further comprising: at least one media peripheral communicatively coupled to the first storage, the at least one media peripheral comprising one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a mobile multi-media gateway, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to further comprising a media guide interface for displaying and coordinating media availability.

30. (Currently Amended) A system supporting concurrent consumption of media from multiple sources, the system comprising:  
at least one processor arranged for operably coupling to set top box circuitry, in a second home, the set top box circuitry communicatively coupled to receive first media



from a first storage located in a first home and to receive 3rd party media from at least one server, for concurrent consumption by a second television in the second home;

the at least one processor communicating with first software that coordinates delivery via a communication network of the first media from the first storage and the 3rd party media from the at least one server to the set top box circuitry; and

the at least one processor communicating with second software configured to enable a user at the first home to construct, at the first home, at least one user defined media channel, the second software also configured to enable closed and secure communication of the at least one user defined media channel to others within a user defined group that are at separate and distinct locations from the first home, in a peer-to-peer manner, from the first home.

31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the first media and the 3rd party media comprise one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

33. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to~~further comprising~~: at least one media peripheral communicatively coupled to the first storage, the at least one media peripheral comprising one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a mobile multi-media gateway, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to further comprising a media guide interface for displaying and coordinating media availability.

35. (Currently Amended) A system supporting concurrent consumption of media from multiple sources, the system comprising:

at least one processor arranged for operably coupling to at least one server for storing and distributing 3rd party media;

the at least one processor communicating with first software that maintains a user defined association of a first network protocol address of a first storage in a first home and second network protocol address of a second storage in a second home, the first software configured to receive a request that identifies one of the associated first and second network protocol addresses and respond by identifying the other of the associated first and second network protocol addresses to support delivery via a communication network of the 3rd party media from the at least one server, and the first media from the first storage, to the second home, and the 3rd party media from the at least one server to the first home, for concurrent consumption of the 3rd party media by a first television at the first home and the 3rd party media and the first media by a second television at the second home; and

the at least one processor communicating with second software configured to enable a user at the first home to construct, at the first home, at least one user defined media channel, the second software also configured to enable closed and secure communication of the at least one user defined media channel to others within a user defined group that are at separate and distinct locations from the first home, in a peer-to-peer manner, from the first home.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35<sub>1</sub> wherein the first media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

37. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 36<sub>1</sub> wherein the first media is real-time video.

38. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35<sub>1</sub> wherein the 3rd party media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

39. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35<sub>1</sub> wherein the first and second network protocol addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35<sub>1</sub> wherein the at least one server comprises one or more of a 3rd party media provider, a 3rd party service provider, and/or a broadband head end.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35<sub>1</sub> wherein the communication network comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 41<sub>1</sub> wherein the communication network is the Internet.

43. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the consumption comprises one or more of playing digitized audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to further comprising: at least one first media peripheral communicatively coupled to the first storage.

45. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 44, wherein the at least one first media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a mobile multi-media gateway, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

46. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the at least one processor is operably coupled to further comprising: at least one second media peripheral communicatively coupled to the second storage~~[[:]~~, and the at least one processor communicates with the software supporting delivery of the second media from the second storage to the first home for concurrent consumption of the 3rd party media and the second media.

47. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 46, wherein the at least one second media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a mobile multi-media gateway, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

48. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35 ~~further~~ comprising a media guide interface for displaying media availability.